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10	CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CAL	LIFORNIA, WESTERN DIVISION	
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12	ESTATE OF RICHARD MATUS, JR.,	Case No. 5:23-cv-00506-MEMF-SP	
13	by and through successors in interest, G.M., R.M., and Lisa Matus; G.J., a	ANSWER OF DEFENDANTS TO	
14	minor, by and through Guardian Ad Litem, Lisa Matus; R.M., a minor, by and through Guardian Ad Litem, Lisa	PLAINTIFFS' COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES: JURY TRIAL	
15	and through Guardian Ad Litem, Lisa Matus; LISA MATUS, individually,,	DEMANDED	
16	Plaintiffs,	FSC Date: None Set Trial Date: None Set	
17	VS.		
18	COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, a public		
19	entity; RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:		
20	SHERIFF CHAD BIANCO, in his individual and official capacities;		
21	EDWARD DELGADO; JAMES KRACHMER; DAVID HOLM; and		
22	DOES 1 through 10, individually, jointly and severally,		
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24	Defendants.		
25	Defendants COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE ("County"), SHERIFF CHAD		
26	BIANCO, EDWARD DELGADO, JAMES KRACHMER, AND DAVID HOLM		
27	(collectively "Defendants") hereby answer Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint for		
28	Damages (Doc. 19; hereinafter referred to as the "Complaint") and Defendants		
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ANSWER

BISGAARD & SMITH LLP ATTORNEYS AT LAW hereby admit, deny, and allege as follows:

ANSWER TO COMPLAINT

- 1. Answering paragraph 1 of the Complaint, under the header "Introduction": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 2. Answering paragraph 2 of the Complaint, under the header "Introduction": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 3. Answering paragraph 3 of the Complaint, under the header "Introduction": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 4. Answering paragraph 4 of the Complaint, under the header "Introduction": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 5. Answering paragraph 5 of the Complaint, under the header "Introduction": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or

belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.

- 6. Answering paragraph 6 of the Complaint, under the header "Introduction": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 7. Answering paragraph 7 of the Complaint, under the header "Jurisdiction and Venue": Defendants admit that jurisdiction is conferred upon this Court by 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331. As to the remaining allegations in this paragraph, Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 8. Answering paragraph 8 of the Complaint, under the header "Jurisdiction and Venue": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 9. Answering paragraph 9 of the Complaint, under the header "Jurisdiction and Venue": Defendants admit that venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b). As to the remaining allegations in this paragraph, Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny

generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.

- 10. Answering paragraph 10 of the Complaint, under the header "Pendant Claims": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 11. Answering paragraph 11 of the Complaint, under the header "Pendant Claims": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 12. Answering paragraph 12 of the Complaint, under the header "Parties": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 13. Answering paragraph 13 of the Complaint, under the header "Parties": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 14. Answering paragraph 14 of the Complaint, under the header "Parties": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
 - 15. Answering paragraph 15 of the Complaint, under the header "Parties":



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Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.

- Answering paragraph 16 of the Complaint, under the header "Parties": 16. Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- Answering paragraph 17 of the Complaint, under the header "Parties": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- Answering paragraph 18 of the Complaint, under the header "Parties": 18. Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- Answering paragraph 19 of the Complaint, under the header "Parties": 19. Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- Answering paragraph 20 of the Complaint, under the header "Parties": 20. Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations



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- 21. Answering paragraph 21 of the Complaint, under the header "Parties": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 22. Answering paragraph 22 of the Complaint, under the header "Parties": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 23. Answering paragraph 23 of the Complaint, under the header "Parties": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 24. Answering paragraph 24 of the Complaint, under the header "Parties": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 25. Answering paragraph 25 of the Complaint, under the header "Parties": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 26. Answering paragraph 26 of the Complaint, under the header "Parties": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable

Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.

- Answering paragraph 27 of the Complaint, under the header "Parties": 27. Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- Answering paragraph 28 of the Complaint, under the header "Parties": 28. Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- Answering paragraph 29 of the Complaint, under the header "Parties": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- Answering paragraph 30 of the Complaint, under the header "Parties": 30. Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 31. Answering paragraph 31 of the Complaint, under the header "Factual Allegations Common to All Causes of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants



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- 32. Answering paragraph 32 of the Complaint, under the header "Factual Allegations Common to All Causes of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 33. Answering paragraph 33 of the Complaint, under the header "Factual Allegations Common to All Causes of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 34. Answering paragraph 34 of the Complaint, under the header "Factual Allegations Common to All Causes of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 35. Answering paragraph 35 of the Complaint, under the header "Factual Allegations Common to All Causes of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 36. Answering paragraph 36 of the Complaint, under the header "Factual Allegations Common to All Causes of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations



contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.

- 37. Answering paragraph 37 of the Complaint, under the header "Factual Allegations Common to All Causes of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 38. Answering paragraph 38 of the Complaint, under the header "Factual Allegations Common to All Causes of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 39. Answering paragraph 39 of the Complaint, under the header "Factual Allegations Common to All Causes of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 40. Answering paragraph 40 of the Complaint, under the header "Factual Allegations Common to *Monell* and Supervisorial Causes of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
 - 41. Answering paragraph 41 of the Complaint, under the header "Factual

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- Answering paragraph 42 of the Complaint, under the header "Factual 42. Allegations Common to Monell and Supervisorial Causes of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- Answering paragraph 43 of the Complaint, under the header "Factual 43. Allegations Common to *Monell* and Supervisorial Causes of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- Answering paragraph 44 of the Complaint, under the header "Factual 44. Allegations Common to Monell and Supervisorial Causes of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 45. Answering paragraph 45 of the Complaint, under the header "Factual Allegations Common to Monell and Supervisorial Causes of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained

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- 46. Answering paragraph 46 of the Complaint, under the header "Factual Allegations Common to *Monell* and Supervisorial Causes of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 47. Answering paragraph 47 of the Complaint, under the header "Factual Allegations Common to *Monell* and Supervisorial Causes of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 48. Answering paragraph 48 of the Complaint, under the header "Factual Allegations Common to *Monell* and Supervisorial Causes of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 49. Answering paragraph 49 of the Complaint, under the header "Factual Allegations Common to *Monell* and Supervisorial Causes of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 50. Answering paragraph 50 of the Complaint, under the header "Factual Allegations Common to *Monell* and Supervisorial Causes of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to

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Answering paragraph 54 of the Complaint, under the header "Factual Allegations Common to Monell and Supervisorial Causes of Action": Defendants do

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Answering paragraph 55 of the Complaint, under the header "Factual 55.

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- Answering paragraph 56 of the Complaint, under the header "Factual 56. Allegations Common to Monell and Supervisorial Causes of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- Answering paragraph 57 of the Complaint, under the header "Factual 57. Allegations Common to *Monell* and Supervisorial Causes of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 58. Answering paragraph 58 of the Complaint, under the header "Factual Allegations Common to Monell and Supervisorial Causes of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 59. Answering paragraph 59 of the Complaint, under the header "Factual Allegations Common to Monell and Supervisorial Causes of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained



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- 60. Answering paragraph 60 of the Complaint, under the header "Factual Allegations Common to *Monell* and Supervisorial Causes of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 61. Answering paragraph 61 of the Complaint, under the header "Factual Allegations Common to *Monell* and Supervisorial Causes of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 62. Answering paragraph 62 of the Complaint, under the header "Factual Allegations Common to *Monell* and Supervisorial Causes of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 63. Answering paragraph 63 of the Complaint, under the header "Factual Allegations Common to *Monell* and Supervisorial Causes of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 64. Answering paragraph 64 of the Complaint, under the header "Factual Allegations Common to *Monell* and Supervisorial Causes of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to



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- Answering paragraph 65 of the Complaint, under the header "Factual 65. Allegations Common to *Monell* and Supervisorial Causes of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 66. Answering paragraph 66 of the Complaint, under the header "Factual Allegations Common to Monell and Supervisorial Causes of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- Answering paragraph 67 of the Complaint, under the header "Factual Allegations Common to Monell and Supervisorial Causes of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- Answering paragraph 68 of the Complaint, under the header "Factual 68. Allegations Common to Monell and Supervisorial Causes of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
 - Answering paragraph 69 of the Complaint, under the header "Factual 69.

Allegations Common to *Monell* and Supervisorial Causes of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.

- 70. Answering paragraph 70 of the Complaint, under the header "Factual Allegations Common to *Monell* and Supervisorial Causes of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 71. Answering paragraph 71 of the Complaint, under the header "Factual Allegations Common to *Monell* and Supervisorial Causes of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 72. Answering paragraph 72 of the Complaint, under the header "Factual Allegations Common to *Monell* and Supervisorial Causes of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 73. Answering paragraph 73 of the Complaint, under the header "Punitive/Exemplary Damages Allegations": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants

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- 74. Answering paragraph 74 of the Complaint, under the header "Punitive/Exemplary Damages Allegations": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 75. Answering paragraph 75 of the Complaint, under the header "Punitive/Exemplary Damages Allegations": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 76. Answering paragraph 76 of the Complaint, under the header "Punitive/Exemplary Damages Allegations": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 77. Answering paragraph 77 of the Complaint, under the header "Punitive/Exemplary Damages Allegations": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 78. Answering paragraph 78 of the Complaint, under the header "First Cause of Action": Defendants repeat, reiterate, and re-allege all of the admissions and denials contained in the foregoing Answer which are set forth to each and every

allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 77, inclusive, of the Complaint.

- 79. Answering paragraph 79 of the Complaint, under the header "First Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 80. Answering paragraph 80 of the Complaint, under the header "First Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 81. Answering paragraph 81 of the Complaint, under the header "First Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 82. Answering paragraph 82 of the Complaint, under the header "First Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 83. Answering paragraph 83 of the Complaint, under the header "First Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such



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paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.

- 84. Answering paragraph 84 of the Complaint, under the header "First Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 85. Answering paragraph 85 of the Complaint, under the header "First Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 86. Answering paragraph 86 of the Complaint, under the header "First Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- Answering paragraph 87 of the Complaint, under the header "First 87. Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
 - Answering paragraph 88 of the Complaint, under the header "First 88.

- Answering paragraph 89 of the Complaint, under the header "First 89. Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- Answering paragraph 90 of the Complaint, under the header "First 90. Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- Answering paragraph 91 of the Complaint, under the header "First Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 92. Answering paragraph 92 of the Complaint, under the header "First Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or

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- 93. Answering paragraph 93 of the Complaint, under the header "First Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 94. Answering paragraph 94 of the Complaint, under the header "First Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 95. Answering paragraph 95 of the Complaint, under the header "Second Cause of Action": Defendants repeat, reiterate, and re-allege all of the admissions and denials contained in the foregoing Answer which are set forth to each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 94, inclusive, of the Complaint.
- 96. Answering paragraph 96 of the Complaint, under the header "Second Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 97. Answering paragraph 97 of the Complaint, under the header "Second Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or



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- 98. Answering paragraph 98 of the Complaint, under the header "Second Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 99. Answering paragraph 99 of the Complaint, under the header "Second Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 100. Answering paragraph 100 of the Complaint, under the header "Second Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 101. Answering paragraph 101 of the Complaint, under the header "Second Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 102. Answering paragraph 102 of the Complaint, under the header "Second Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such



paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.

- 103. Answering paragraph 103 of the Complaint, under the header "Third Cause of Action": Defendants repeat, reiterate, and re-allege all of the admissions and denials contained in the foregoing Answer which are set forth to each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 102, inclusive, of the Complaint.
- 104. Answering paragraph 104 of the Complaint, under the header "Third Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 105. Answering paragraph 105 of the Complaint, under the header "Third Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 106. Answering paragraph 106 of the Complaint, under the header "Third Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 107. Answering paragraph 107 of the Complaint, under the header "Third Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such

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paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.

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108. Answering paragraph 108 of the Complaint, under the header "Third Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.

- 109. Answering paragraph 109 of the Complaint, under the header "Third Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 110. Answering paragraph 110 of the Complaint, under the header "Third Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 111. Answering paragraph 111 of the Complaint, under the header "Third Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
 - 112. Answering paragraph 112 of the Complaint, under the header "Third

Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.

- 113. Answering paragraph 113 of the Complaint, under the header "Third Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 114. Answering paragraph 114 of the Complaint, under the header "Third Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 115. Answering paragraph 115 of the Complaint, under the header "Third Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 116. Answering paragraph 116 of the Complaint, under the header "Fourth Cause of Action": Defendants repeat, reiterate, and re-allege all of the admissions and denials contained in the foregoing Answer which are set forth to each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 115, inclusive, of the Complaint.
 - 117. Answering paragraph 117 of the Complaint, under the header "Fourth

Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.

- 118. Answering paragraph 118 of the Complaint, under the header "Fourth Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein - and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 119. Answering paragraph 119 of the Complaint, under the header "Fourth Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein - and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 120. Answering paragraph 120 of the Complaint, under the header "Fourth Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 121. Answering paragraph 121 of the Complaint, under the header "Fourth Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or

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- 122. Answering paragraph 122 of the Complaint, under the header "Fourth Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 123. Answering paragraph 123 of the Complaint, under the header "Fourth [sic] Cause of Action": Defendants repeat, reiterate, and re-allege all of the admissions and denials contained in the foregoing Answer which are set forth to each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 122, inclusive, of the Complaint.
- 124. Answering paragraph 124 of the Complaint, under the header "Fourth [sic] Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 125. Answering paragraph 125 of the Complaint, under the header "Fourth [sic] Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 126. Answering paragraph 126 of the Complaint, under the header "Fourth [sic] Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and



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- 127. Answering paragraph 127 of the Complaint, under the header "Fourth [sic] Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 128. Answering paragraph 128 of the Complaint, under the header "Fourth [sic] Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 129. Answering paragraph 129 of the Complaint, under the header "Fourth [sic] Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 130. Answering paragraph 130 of the Complaint, under the header "Fourth [sic] Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 131. Answering paragraph 131 of the Complaint, under the header "Fourth [sic] Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information

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- 132. Answering paragraph 132 of the Complaint, under the header "Sixth Cause of Action": Defendants repeat, reiterate, and re-allege all of the admissions and denials contained in the foregoing Answer which are set forth to each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 131, inclusive, of the Complaint.
- 133. Answering paragraph 133 of the Complaint, under the header "Sixth Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 134. Answering paragraph 134 of the Complaint, under the header "Sixth Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 135. Answering paragraph 135 of the Complaint, under the header "Sixth Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 136. Answering paragraph 136 of the Complaint, under the header "Sixth Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or

belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or

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137. Answering paragraph 137 of the Complaint, under the header "Sixth Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.

138. Answering paragraph 138 of the Complaint, under the header "Sixth Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.

139. Answering paragraph 139 of the Complaint, under the header "Seventh Cause of Action": Defendants repeat, reiterate, and re-allege all of the admissions and denials contained in the foregoing Answer which are set forth to each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 138, inclusive, of the Complaint.

140. Answering paragraph 140 of the Complaint, under the header "Seventh Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.

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142. Answering paragraph 142 of the Complaint, under the header "Seventh Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.

143. Answering paragraph 143 of the Complaint, under the header "Seventh Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.

144. Answering paragraph 144 of the Complaint, under the header "Eighth Cause of Action": Defendants repeat, reiterate, and re-allege all of the admissions and denials contained in the foregoing Answer which are set forth to each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 143, inclusive, of the Complaint.

145. Answering paragraph 145 of the Complaint, under the header "Eighth Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.

146. Answering paragraph 146 of the Complaint, under the header "Eighth Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or

belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.

- 147. Answering paragraph 147 of the Complaint, under the header "Eighth Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 148. Answering paragraph 148 of the Complaint, under the header "Ninth Cause of Action": Defendants repeat, reiterate, and re-allege all of the admissions and denials contained in the foregoing Answer which are set forth to each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 147, inclusive, of the Complaint.
- 149. Answering paragraph 149 of the Complaint, under the header "Ninth Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 150. Answering paragraph 150 of the Complaint, under the header "Ninth Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 151. Answering paragraph 151 of the Complaint, under the header "Ninth Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or

belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.

- 152. Answering paragraph 152 of the Complaint, under the header "Ninth Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 153. Answering paragraph 153 of the Complaint, under the header "Ninth Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 154. Answering paragraph 154 of the Complaint, under the header "Ninth Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 155. Answering paragraph 155 of the Complaint, under the header "Ninth Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.

156. Answering paragraph 156 of the Complaint, under the header "Ninth Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.

- 157. Answering paragraph 157 of the Complaint, under the header "Tenth Cause of Action": Defendants repeat, reiterate, and re-allege all of the admissions and denials contained in the foregoing Answer which are set forth to each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 156, inclusive, of the Complaint.
- 158. Answering paragraph 158 of the Complaint, under the header "Tenth Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 159. Answering paragraph 159 of the Complaint, under the header "Tenth Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 160. Answering paragraph 160 of the Complaint, under the header "Tenth Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.

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161. Answering paragraph 161 of the Complaint, under the header "Tenth Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.

- 162. Answering paragraph 162 of the Complaint, under the header "Tenth Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 163. Answering paragraph 163 of the Complaint, under the header "Tenth Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 164. Answering paragraph 164 of the Complaint, under the header "Tenth Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 165. Answering paragraph 165 of the Complaint, under the header "Tenth Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and

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166. Answering paragraph 166 of the Complaint, under the header "Eleventh Cause of Action": Defendants repeat, reiterate, and re-allege all of the admissions and denials contained in the foregoing Answer which are set forth to each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 165, inclusive, of the Complaint.

- 167. Answering paragraph 167 of the Complaint, under the header "Eleventh Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 168. Answering paragraph 168 of the Complaint, under the header "Eleventh Cause of Action": Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge, or information or belief, to enable Defendants to answer the allegations contained within such paragraph, as stated, and on those grounds deny generally and specifically each and every of the allegations contained therein – and Defendants deny all liability and/or wrongdoing.
- 169. Answering Plaintiffs' Prayer for relief, Defendants deny all liability to Plaintiffs, including, but not limited to, all liability for any and all damages, an including, but not limited to, compensatory damages; statutory damages; attorneys' fees; costs of any kind; punitive and exemplary damages against Defendants; and/or for any relief of any kind from Defendants to Plaintiffs.

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AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES 1 As separate and affirmative defenses, Defendant alleges as follows¹: 2 1. FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE 3 (Failure to State Claim, Statute of Limitations) 4 5 2. Plaintiffs' Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be 6 granted. Plaintiffs' Complaint also fails to state a claim against any defendant in 7 3. 8 this action. 9 4. Plaintiffs' claims are time-barred by the operative statutes of limitations (including, but not limited to, Cal. Code Civ. Proc. § 335.1). 10 **SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE** 11 (Tort Claims Act Violation) 12 13 5. This action is barred by the Plaintiffs' failure to comply with the government tort claims presentation requirements, California Government Code § 14 900, et seq., including, but not limited to, §§ 900, 900.4, 901, 905, 905.2, 910, 911, 15 911.2, 911.4, 945.4, 946.6, 950.2, and 950.6, to the extent applicable. 16 The Complaint is barred based on Plaintiffs' failure to exhaust 17 6. administrative remedies prior to filing this lawsuit. 18 19 THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (Waiver, Estoppel, Unclean Hands) 20 Defendants allege that Plaintiffs' action is barred by reason of conduct, 21 7. 22 actions, and inactions of Plaintiffs which amount to and constitute waiver of any right Plaintiffs may or might have had in reference to the matters and things alleged 23 in the Complaint, or that otherwise estop Plaintiffs from recovery in this action, 24 25 26

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¹ For purposes of affirmative defenses, affirmative defenses that reference "Plaintiffs" shall also be construed to apply, wherever feasible, to Plaintiffs' decedent.

including, but not limited to, the doctrine of unclean hands.

FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Failure to Mitigate Damages)

8. Plaintiffs' claims are barred or limited to the extent Plaintiffs failed to mitigate Plaintiffs' injuries or damages, if there were any. Plaintiffs failed to mitigate the damages, if any, which Plaintiffs have sustained, and to exercise reasonable care to avoid the consequences of harms, if any, in that, among other things, Plaintiffs failed to use reasonable diligence in caring for any injuries, failed to use reasonable means to prevent aggravation of any injuries, and any failed to take reasonable precautions to reduce any injuries and damages.

FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Contributory and/or Comparative Liability)

- 9. Plaintiffs' claims are barred or limited by Plaintiffs' contributory/comparative negligence or other conduct, acts, or omissions, and to the extent any Plaintiffs suffered any injury or damages, it was the result of Plaintiffs' own negligent or deliberate actions or omissions.
- 10. Plaintiffs' recovery is barred because any injury or damage suffered by Plaintiffs was caused solely by reason of the Plaintiffs' wrongful acts and conduct and the willful resistance to a peace officer in the discharge of their duties. The conduct set forth in the Complaint, if and to the extent it occurred, was privileged and justified and done with a good faith believe that it was correct and no action may be taken against the answering Defendant on account of such conduct.

SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Public Entity/Employee Immunity for Others' Torts)

- 11. Plaintiffs' recovery is barred because public entities and employees are immune from liability for any injury caused by the act or omission of another person. Cal. Gov. Code §§ 815 et seq., 820.2 et seq.
 - 12. The answering Defendants are informed and believe and thereon allege

that if Plaintiffs sustained any injury or damages, such injury or damages were solely caused or contributed to by the wrongful conduct of other entities or persons other than the answer Defendants. To the extent that Plaintiffs' damages were so caused, any recovery by Plaintiffs as against the answer Defendants should be subject to proportionately comparative equitable indemnity/contribution from such third parties.

SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Public Entity/Employee Immunity for Discretionary Acts)

- There is no liability for any injury or damages, if there were any, 13. resulting from an exercise of discretion vested in a public employee, whether or not such discretion as abused. Cal. Gov. Code §§ 815.2, 820.2, 820.4, 820.8, et seq.
- 14. Plaintiffs' recovery is barred because public entities and employees are immune from liability for discharging their mandatory duties with reasonable diligence.
- A public employee may not be held liable for injuries or damages, if 15. any, caused by failure to adopt or by adoption of an enactment or by failure to enforce an enactment and/or law, for an injury caused by their issuance, denial, suspension or revocation or by their failure or refusal to issue, deny, suspend, or revoke, any permit, license, certificate, approval, order, or similar authorization, where they are authorized by enactment to determine whether or not such authorization should be issued, denied, suspended, or revoked, pursuant to Cal. Gov. Code §§ 818.2, 818.4, 818.8, 821, and 821.2. Based thereon, answering Defendants are immune from liability for any injuries claimed by Plaintiffs, herein.
- The answering Defendants are immune for any detriment resulting 16. from any of its actions or omissions at the time of the incident of which Plaintiffs complaint pursuant to Cal. Gov. Code §§ 810 et seq., 815 et seq., 820 et seq., and 845 et seg., including, but not limited to, Cal Gov. Code §§ 810, 810.2, 810.4, 810.6, 810.8, 811, 811.2, 811.4, 811.6, 811.8, 820.6, 820.8, 821, 821.2, 821.4,

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821.6, 821.8, 822.2, 830.5, 830.6, 835.4, 844.6, and Cal. Gov. Code §§ 854, *et seq.*, including, but not limited to, §§ 845.6, 854.6, 854.8(a)(2), and §§ 855.4, 855.6, 855.8, and 856.4.

EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Public Entity Immunity)

- 17. To the extent that the Complaint attempts to predicate liability upon the County or any employees thereof for purported negligent in retention, hiring, employment, training, or supervision of any public employee, such liability is barred by Cal. Gov. Code §§ 815.2 and 820.2 and *Herndon v. Cnty. of Marin*, 25 Cal. App. 3d 933, 935, 936 (1972), *rev'd on other grounds by Sullivan v. Cnty. of Los Angeles*, 12 Cal. 3d 710 (1974); and by lack of any duty running to any Plaintiffs; by the fact that any such purported act or omission is governed exclusively by statute and is outside the purview of any public employees' authority; and by the failure of any such acts or omissions to the proximate or legal cause of any injury alleged in the Complaint. *See de Villers v. Cnty. of San Diego*, 156 Cal. App. 4th 238, 251-253, 255-56 (2007).
- 18. The Defendants may not be held liable on a *respondeat superior* theory for any negligent or wrongful act or omission on the part of any subordinate. Cal. Gov. Code §§ 844.6, 845.6; Cal. Civ. Code § 2351; *Malloy v. Fong*,37 Cal. 2d 356, 378-79 (1951); *Monell v. Dep't of Soc. Servs.*, 436 U.S. 658 (1978); *Larez v. City of Los Angeles*, 946 F.2d 630, 645-46 (9th Cir. 1991); *cf. City of Canton v. Harris*, 489 U.S. 378, 388-89 (1989); *City of Los Angeles v. Heller*, 475 U.S. 796 (1986).

NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Qualified Immunity & Good Faith Immunity)

19. The County and its agents or officers at all times relevant to this action acted reasonably and prudently under the circumstances. Defendant therefore asserts any individual defendants' (that have been or may be named by Plaintiffs) qualified immunity from liability to the fullest extent applicable.



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- 20. Defendants are immune from liability under the Federal Civil Rights Act because they acted in good faith with an honest and reasonable belief that their actions were necessary and appropriate. Defendants are immune from liability under the Federal Civil Rights Act because a reasonable police officer could believe that their acts and conduct were appropriate. Defendants are immune from liability under the Federal Civil Rights Act because their conduct did not violate clearly established rights. Defendants are also immune from liability under the doctrine of Qualified Immunity.
- 21. At all relevant times, the County and its agents or officers acted within the scope of discretion, with due care, and good faith fulfillment of responsibilities pursuant to applicable statutes, rules and regulation, within the bounds of reason, and with the good faith belief that their actions comported with all applicable federal and state laws. *Harlow v. Fitzgerald*, 457 U.S. 800 (1982); Cal Gov. Code §§ 815.2, 820.2.

TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Assumption of Risk)

22. At the time and place referred to in the Complaint, and before such event, Plaintiffs knew, appreciated, and understood each and every risk involved in placing themselves in the position which Plaintiffs then assumed, and willingly, knowingly, and voluntarily assumed each of such risk, including, but not limited to, the risk of suffering personal bodily injury, lawful deprivation of rights, and/or death.

JURY DEMAND

23. Defendants demand a trial by jury as to each issue triable by jury.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the answering Defendants pray as follows:

1. That the Complaint be dismissed, with prejudice, and in its entirety;

2. That Plaintiffs take nothing by reason of this Complaint and that 1 judgment be entered against Plaintiffs and in favor of Defendants; 2 That Defendants be awarded attorneys' fees and costs of this suit and 3 3. costs of proof; and 4 4. That Defendants be awarded such other relief as the Court deems just. 5 6 DATED: August 23, 2023 7 LEWIS BRISBOIS BISGAARD & SMITH LLP 8 9 7ori L.N. Bakken By: 10 TONY M. SAIN 11 TORI L. N. BAKKEN Attorneys for Defendant, COUNTY OF 12 RIVERSIDE, et al. 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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